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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Router's Service to the China Mail.)

### RUSSIAN TREATY'S FATE.

### GENOA STILL UNDECIDED.

### GERMAN'S AWKWARD PROBLEM.

GENOA, April 20.

The conference to-day split into conclaves for discussing the Russo-German imbroglio. Mr. Lloyd George first conferred with Lord Birkenhead and other British delegates after which the delegates of the Little Entente, Poland and Portugal were admitted to the conference.

The British delegates and other convening powers all lunched together and continued their conversations in the afternoon.

The Germans, who worked late last night, continued their deliberations this morning. Herr. Rathenau meanwhile is constantly consulting Signor Schanzer. They are still undecided regarding the nature of their reply to the Allies' note but hope to present it in the evening.

### BRITISH PROPERTY IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, April 20.

Mr. Leslie Urquhart, Chairman of the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated Co., has been summoned to Genoa. This is regarded as indicating the Soviet's acceptance of principles enabling British owners to resume operations with the Russian properties.

A London cable dated August 11 said: Relaxation of the hostile-Soviet policy against foreign interests is indicated by the fact that Lenin's Government has invited Mr. Leslie Urquhart, chairman of the Russo Asiatic Consolidated Co., accompanied by five technical experts, to proceed to Moscow to pursue the preliminary negotiations started by Krassin in London with a view to the return of the Russo-Asiatic Co's Siberian properties. It is expected that an agreement will be concluded in a few weeks. The Financial Times understands that, while Mr. Urquhart's visit is primarily concerned with his own company's properties, he will be able to protect other great British interests in Russia. The newspaper believes that all future agreements will be modelled on the Russo-Asiatic Co. settlement.]

### LLOYD GEORGE'S OPTIMISM.

GENOA, April 20.

Mr. Lloyd George has adhered to his original view of a favourable outcome of the conference. In an interview with the journalists he said:

"The conference will successfully end in the pacification of Europe and the formulation of schemes for reconstruction of the devastated continent."

"Those desiring failure of the conference are traitors to the cause."

The Russo-German treaty position was serious but presumably the Germans had accepted exclusion from the Russian discussions and no further difficulty was anticipated from that matter. He was also confident that a pact against aggression would be concluded.

### RUSSIA AND HER DEBTS.

PARIS, April 20.

A message from Genoa forecasts that the Russian reply to the London memorandum which is being delivered to-morrow reiterates that the Soviets will recognise pre-war debts provided the Allies offset the damages inflicted by the anti-revolutionary expeditions. They agree to pay the balance if the Allies grant moratorium credits.

### CHURCHILL'S ACCIDENT

### FALL WHILE RIDING.

LONDON, April 20.

Riding at Euston Hall near Chester, Mr. Winston Churchill fell. He was considerably shaken but is expected to be restored to usual health in a few days.

### AMERICA'S DEBTORS

### LONG TERM CREDITS.

WASHINGTON, April 20.

The debt commission has notified debtor nations that the United States is prepared to begin negotiations for conversion of loans into long term securities.

### HOLLAND-AMERICA LINE

### NEW DEBENTURE ISSUE.

AMSTERDAM, April 20.

The Holland-America Line is issuing 10,000,000 guilders 6 per cent. debentures at 96 and another 20,000,000 are being taken over by a New York firm.

### INDIAN COTTON FIRE

### ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS OUTBREAK.

BOMBAY, April 20.

Another mysterious cotton fire has occurred at Colaba depot. Four thousand bales are involved and the probable damage is five lakhs of rupees.

### HOLLAND'S CONSTITUTION.

THE HAGUE, April 20.

The First Chamber on the bill for revision of the constitution rejected the clause providing for proportional representation in the First Chamber.

### THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2:61:16.

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### APPALLING EXPLOSION.

### HUNDREDS BURIED ALIVE.

TOWN IN A PANIC.

ATENE, April 20.

Stores of war material near the railway station at Monastir have exploded disastrously.

There is a huge death toll. Hundreds of children have been buried in the ruins of a church where a shell exploded. It is believed that 1,800 soldiers have been buried in the ruins of the barracks where the troops were lunched at the time of the disaster.

Fires have broken out at several points in the town. The inhabitants are panic-stricken and have fled as the whole town is endangered.

### 30,000 HOMELESS.

LONDON, April 20.

Authentic figure of the casualties in the Monastir explosion have hitherto not been ascertained, but a Paris message from Bigrade states that 30,000 homeless people are taking refuge in the woods. The scene of the disaster is unapproachable in consequence of explosion still continuing. The trouble seems to have arisen over 400 wagon loads of ammunition belonging to the former eastern army.

### LATEST IRISH SENSATION.

### LABOUR PARTY DECLARES 24-HOUR STRIKE.

### BOYCOTT AGAINST MILITARISM.

LONDON, April 20.

The Irish Labour Party has proclaimed a 24-hour general strike for Monday as a protest against militarism and the failure of the politicians to come to an agreement.

The party suggests that representatives of the anti-treaty commandant O'Connor's body be invited to attend the adjourned peace conference.

A Labour manifesto declares that it is for the Dal Eireann to reunite the army and country and demands that it assert its authority or make way for the people.

It is understood that the strike will affect all railways and postal and telegraph services.

### DAMASCUS RIOTERS

### SEVERE SENTENCES.

CAIRO, April 20.

A message from Damascus states that severe sentences have been inflicted in connection with the anti-French disturbances mentioned on April 18, including Dr. Chibandar twenty years detention in the fortress, and Hassan Hakim, former Director of Posts and Telegraphs ten years imprisonment.

[A Cairo message dated April 18, stated:—Following on anti-French demonstrations at Damascus on April 7 in which forty people were arrested, crowds assembled demanding their release. They ignored warnings to disperse and were fired on by the police with the result that two were killed and several wounded. After the imposition of curfew the troops regained control of the situation.]

### AEROPLANE DISASTER.

### MEMORIAL SERVICE.

LONDON, April 20.

A large congregation including Sir Keith Smith and Brigadier Trotter, on behalf of the Prince of Wales, also representatives of Mr. Winston Churchill, the British and foreign air services, and the Australian Government were present at a memorial service to the late Sir Ross Smith and Lieut. Bennett held at St. Clement's, Dares Church. The Air Force band played during the service.

### FIGHTING THE OPIUM EVIL.

### CERTIFICATE SYSTEM.

GENEVA, April 20.

The Opium Commission has determined upon the details of a system of certificates issued by consignee countries governing the importation of dangerous drugs, and has requested the Council of the League of Nations to propose September 1 for the enforcement of the system in Europe, and January 1, 1923, for Australasian and Far Eastern states.

### POLICE STRIKE

### SOLDIERS TOO?

ALLAHABAD, April 20.

A message from Tihar states that the police have a ruck because they have been unpaid for several months. Regular troops are temporarily replacing the police but are becoming disaffected owing to pay which is also in arrears.

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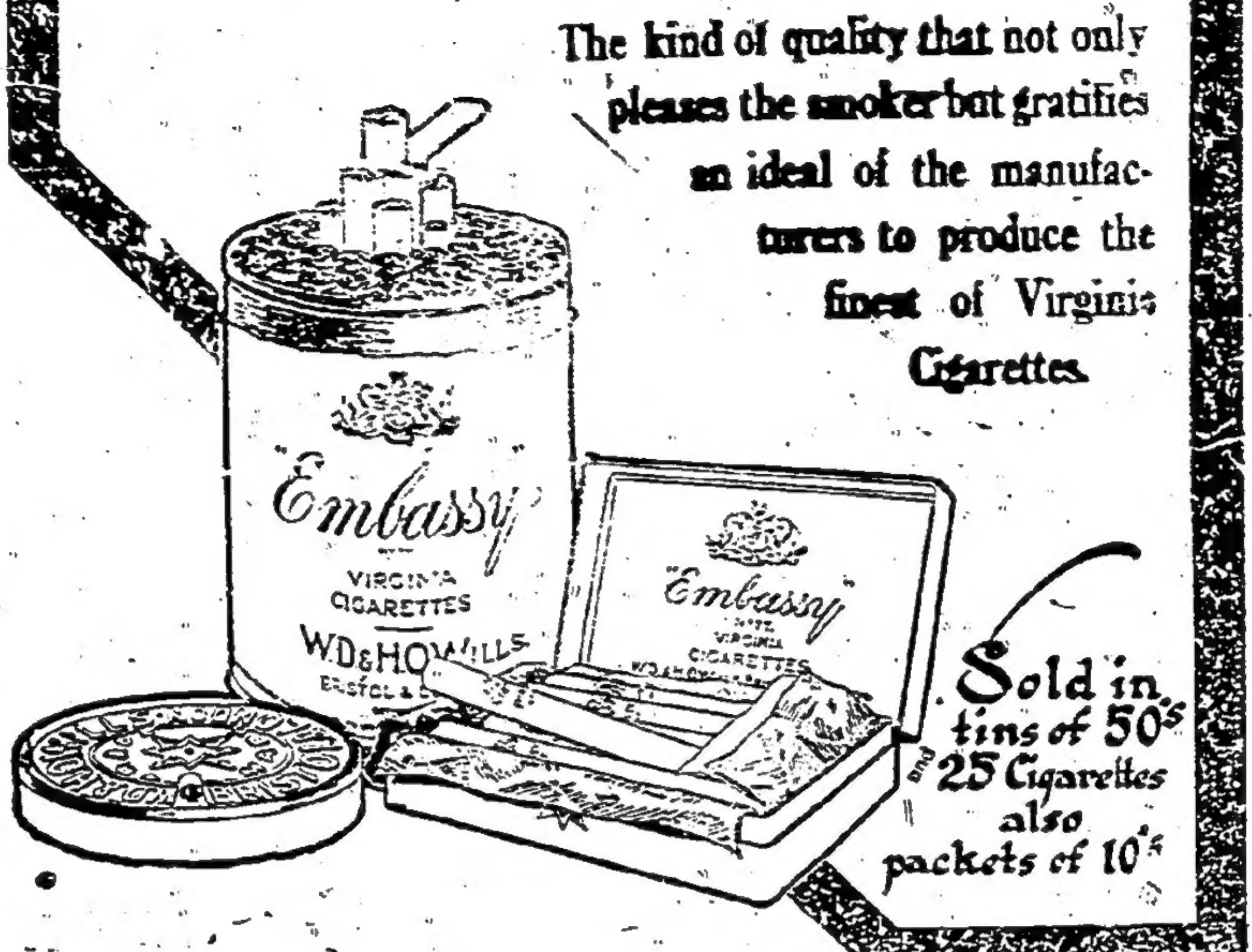
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General Maunoury, in a preface, vouches alike for the exactitude and the charm of the narrative. This is, indeed, one of the very best of war books, full of humour and also of direct touches which bring home the grimness of battle. It places the reader on the field, at one of the greatest moments of all history.

The French 7th Division received Maunoury's orders in the evening of September 7, to arrive at 4 a.m. next day at Metz, in order to carry out the violent offensive on the Ourcq against the Germans. But Metz was 30 miles from Paris where the 7th Division was, and to cover that distance on foot was out of the question. The railway was in such danger that it could only move half the force needed.

General Gallieni, Governor of Paris had already taken steps to requisition the Paris taxicabs. The companies owing them were asked to keep them ready. The Germans were advancing fast on Paris and the cabs might be needed at any moment to evacuate women and children. In one company the drivers were asked to sign an undertaking to this effect: "I, the undersigned, engage on my honour to be at the garage at 11 a.m."

Not a single man refused to sign the undertaking and not a single man broke his word. Late in the evening of September 6 Gallieni issued instructions "to collect all the available motor vehicles and direct them to the points which would be indicated for the transport of 6,000 men."

A COLUMN OF CABS.

At 11 p.m. the requisitioning began, aided by the police, and a great column of taxicabs began to form up. The command was brief and peremptory: "I requisition you, order of the Governor of Paris; come with me!" By daybreak the column was near Dammarville and half of there, as no orders had yet been received as to its destination.

The drivers dismounted and took counsel. They asked were they to be



A Los Angeles man with an orangutan from Borneo.

taken into the firing line. At 8 a.m. the thunder of artillery began to cause them some uneasiness. Most of them showed a brave enough front but some of them gave signs of distinct nervousness.

As they waited listening to the far-off roar of the guns: "Two squadrons of dragoons moved up along the road. The bronzed faces, tired looks, and eyes haggard with sleeplessness of the young cavalrymen told of their exhaustion, yet they had an air of calm resolution which impressed and reassured."

Cavalry and artillery passed, and though the cannonade drew nearer—All the movement of troops towards the enemy strengthened the belief that we were taking the offensive and that "the enemy was going to get something unpleasant." With that extraordinary changelessness of impression which characterises the French race, the taxicab drivers' morale rose to such a degree that they declared their eagerness to be off for the front and "to do their bit."

As night fell on September 7, 1914, the taxicabs arrived at the point where they were to take up the troops, five in each cab. In all, 4,000 men were thus moved during the night of September 7-8 and they arrived fresh, rested, ready for battle, into which at once they moved. It was the crisis of the whole struggle on the Marne.

On September 8 the battle was won. The German wireless was issuing orders for the retreat.

## EAST LONDON V. ETON.

Many a page of fiction has been used to tell how the young aristocrat, slim, cool-headed, and in perfect fighting trim, thrashed the "lout" of his own age but something like one and a half times his own weight. It was "science" that did it—a handy word and evidently a handy thing, for an ounce of science was always more than enough for a pound of "brute strength." There is something to be said for this aspect of the legend, but the odd thing was that the science and slimmness were always on the side of the upper classes. For the purposes of this legend the "lower orders" never ran to anything except beef, the upper to anything except brains and agility. This is, of course, itself unscientific, and there was a practical demonstration of the fact at Eton one Saturday night. Ten Eton boys boxed ten youths from a club in East London, and the result was one win for Eton and nine for East London. Seeing the interest that East London takes in boxing, and the fine opponents of the game that its clubs can turn out, the result is not perhaps surprising, except to anyone who has drawn his ideas on the subject from the kind of fiction that has been mentioned. But there seems to have been no doubt that detachment was the better crew from every point of view. The Londoners, says one account, were in better condition than most of the Etonians, and the end of the allotted three rounds "appeared to be the fitter in nearly every match." And then follows the devastating assurance, which writers of boys' fiction had better paste up in their workrooms: "The Eton boys had plenty of girth and 'pluck, but they lacked the science 'of their opponents.'" However, there is one good consolation for Etonians; the club that supplied these conquerors evidently stands in the same relation to Eton College that the Hugh Oldham Lads' Club does to the Manchester Grammar School. Much of the science which its members displayed must have been acquired under the eye and training of Old Etonians—as it will might be, for Eton, besides all her own games, has turned out some boxers good enough to teach something to almost any amateur—Manchester Guardian.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1922.

## WOMEN VOTERS.

The women's franchise at Home has the age limit of thirty. The wise legislators who took two bites at this cherry considered that a female of 29 is too young and frivolous to take an intelligent interest in politics. Two years ago a Bill was read a second time which proposed to extend women's suffrage on equal terms with male suffrage, making, that is to say, the age limit twenty-one. Adult suffrage for both sexes sums it up. This Bill was aborted by abstentions in Standing Committee preventing a quorum. The different age limits have come to be regarded as a greater affront, and more illogical, than the old inequality of no suffrage at all for women. It is considered that a woman of 21 is more mature than a man of that age. In March last Lord Robert Cecil introduced, under the Ten Minutes Rule, a Bill to equalize the age at which the suffrage falls to both sexes. He said that women had voted in numbers about equal to those of the

men, and had shown as sound an interest in good government. The Government was reluctant to concede this reform, but a big majority now might diminish that reluctance. He got his big majority. Only 60 voted against, and 208 for, a majority of 148, and the Bill was given its first reading. The most conspicuous opponent on this occasion seems to have been Lieut.-Colonel Archer Shee, and if the women cannot improve upon his standard of logic they certainly do not deserve the suffrage. First of all he said that the number of male and female voters was already equal, and this would add a female majority of five millions. Next he said that as treasurer of the London Municipal Society he had learned that forty per cent. of the women could not be persuaded to go to the poll. There was no demand by "girls of 21 to 30" for the vote. His second reason for refusing the suffrage, if it did not exclude his first, certainly robbed it of its terrors. During the debate Viscountess Astor put in interpolated questions that seem to have non-plussed him. He did not, if the newspaper reports may be trusted, state the percentage of male voters who refrain from polling. His assertion that the ladies of 21 to 30 "have the greatest contempt for politicians" was a foolish admission to make. It proves as nothing else could their title to the suffrage, because the first essential towards getting good government, which is good politics, will be to weed out politicians like himself. Women cannot possibly make a worse mess of politics than men have done. It is the hope of those who now support their claims that they will bring about improvement.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A plan is afoot in Canton to establish a cotton mill in Shensi with a capital of \$1,500,000.

St. John's Cathedral choir practice will take place on Friday at 5.45 p.m. instead of on Thursday.

Magistrate Lindsell this morning fined a Chinese \$2,000 for the unlawful possession of 40 tins of prepared opium on the Haulak wharf.

A Chinese yesterday afternoon had his foot injured through being run over by a truck at the corner of Queen's Road and Connaught Road.

Stainer's "Crucifixion" and selections from "The Messiah" will be rendered by a choir of 50 voices, in St. Andrew's Church (Kowloon) on Monday night.

The master of the s.s. "Kaifong" which arrived here from Hoihow last evening has reported to the Harbour Office that the red buoy at Hsian Head is not in position.

The cook of the s.s. "Teau," now at Taikoo Dock, was yesterday afternoon knocked down and run over by motor car No. 27, in Shaukiwan West. His injuries are not considered serious.

The Cornet Theatre's special comedy programme presenting Harold Lloyd in "Among Those Present" and Madge Kennedy in "Day Dreams" will be screened for the last time this evening.

The combined orchestras of the Cornet and Kowloon Theatre give an orchestral concert in the Prince's Pavilion on Sunday afternoon. The collection will be handed over to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Straits papers record the death of Mr. J. G. Graves, who had long been resident in Singapore. For many years he was engaged by various firms as building overseer, among them Swan and MacLaren and the Harbour Board.

The Colony's plague figures showed a further decrease yesterday when only three cases (one fatal) were reported. One fatal case of small pox completed the day's return of notifiable disease. All the cases were Chinese.

The Straits Times reports that Mr. Leong Sam Tong, miner and merchant of Ipoh, is proceeding to China, where we understand he will represent some of the leading Chinese in Penak in the establishment of a shipbuilding yard in Canton.

A Penang correspondent wires that the arrival of the Hamburg America liner "Haveland," created much interest among the natives who crowded the Victoria pier and watched her come to her anchorage. She is the first German ship to call at Penang since the war.

An Aberdeen-Kaifong bus, going down the incline on Pokinlung Road, known as "Dairy Farm" Hill, suddenly skidded and swerved towards the embankment. The driver immediately applied the brakes. The vehicle stopped with a jolt which threw a 19-year old Chinese girl heavily on to the road. She received injuries to her face and body requiring hospital treatment.

Leung Wo who was recently convicted at the Criminal Sessions in connection with the Praya Murder and sentenced to death, has been granted a respite of execution by H.E. the Governor pending an application to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. The execution has been reprieved for three months only, and should leave of appeal be given, then a further respite will be granted until His Majesty's pleasure is known.

Walking along Gascoigne Road towards Yau-mat about 9.30 last night, a Chinese was accosted by five men near the barracks. One of them asked him if he was a Hakka. He replied that he was. The man then pressed a dagger against his chest and told him to keep still. The others searched his person and relieved him of a police whistle, a bunch of keys, a white cotton coat and a canvas girdle in the pocket of which was \$21 in cash. The men then made off up the hillside.

## WORLD THEATRE.

The World Theatre is presenting a strangely intimate drama of the bitter-sweet that makes a woman's life. "For Better, For Worse" is the title of this wonderful production by Cecil B. De Mille in which the Ladies parts are given to two famous stars Elliot Dexter and Gloria Swanson. This splendid picture first appears on the screen to-day.

## H.K.V.D.C.

## GENERAL OFFICERS' ADVICE.

## YESTERDAY'S ANNUAL PARADE.

Many spectators round the Murray Parade ground yesterday afternoon viewed the annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps by the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.).

The Parade was disappointingly small, only 141 of 381 rank and file turning out. The turnout, not including 44 members on leave, represented only half the Force. The Corps marched down from headquarters headed by pipes and drums, and formed up facing Murray Barracks, with the Mounted Section forming a right-angle on the right flank.

The G.O.C., accompanied by his A.D.C. and several Staff Officers, was received with the grand salute. Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant, was in charge of the Parade, and with him were the Adjutant, Major R. N. Young and Lieut.-Col. Nicholson, D.A.A. and Q.M.G.

After the inspection, the parade formed three sides of a square, from the centre of which the General addressed the men complimenting them on their smart turn out on the occasion when they formed a guard of honour to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness, he knew, was very pleased to see that they had a Volunteer Defence force here. The object of this inspection, the General proceeded, was to see the general turn out and appearance of the Corps and their steadiness on parade. He had much pleasure in telling them that he considered both were good. He need hardly say that in a place like Hongkong he thought that the number of members in the local Defence Force should be much greater than at present. This Force, he warned them to remember, was essentially for real service; not a show force, or simply a force got up to amuse, but to carry out real serious work when called upon. He was quite sure that the work done by the Volunteer Force during the recent troublesome times was fully appreciated by a large number of people. Great credit was due to the Force and members should get a larger number to join up and take a hand. He did not think in these times anyone could say that there was no chance of any further trouble, for all over the world there were riots and disturbances of some sort or other going on. It behooved them to be ready to meet any that might arise. He was entirely in favour of training in small units, such as in sections and platoons and he appealed to the men to work together and to get to know their N.C.O.s and officers so that they might have confidence in them. As far as Military Headquarters were concerned of course they had nothing to do with the Corps except to try and assist in the training and make it as efficient as they possibly could. They could rest assured that Military Headquarters would continue to take an interest in them and do all they could for them in the future.

Afterwards the Parade marched past, and the General took the Salute at the foot of the flagstaff from which floated the Union Jack. The men were then marched back to headquarters where they were dismissed.

There were present on parade:— Battalion Headquarters—Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, Major R. B. Young, and 14 other ranks. Artillery Company—Lieut. J. S. McCann and 10 other ranks. Engineers—2 Lieut. R. M. Smith, M.B.E., and 18 other ranks. Machine Gun Corps—Capt. Murdoch and 12 other ranks. Mounted Infantry—Capt. Murdoch and 17 other ranks. Light Infantry—2 Lieut. T. P. M. Bevan, M.C., and 8 other ranks. Infantry—Lieut. F. C. Hall and 13 other ranks. Scottish Company—Lieut. T. W. Hill, M.C., and 29 other ranks. Reserves—Lieut. G. M. Dodwell and 17 other ranks. Cadets—Lieut. A. J. Weyman (Acting Adjutant) and 2 other ranks. NEW QUARTERMASTER.

Garrison Sergeant Major H. Westlake, D.C.M., has been chosen to succeed Capt. W. Higby as Quartermaster of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps and has taken over the duties of the post, following Mr. Higby's departure from the Colony yesterday. Garrison Sergeant Major Westlake has already seen 27 years' service with the colours and is well known to most of the members of the Corps.

During the summer months the children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any abnormal looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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## CARGO BOATS.

## WORKING CONDITIONS AGREED.

Recently demands for increased pay and improved working conditions were made by the guild of cargo boat owners and crews. A committee, with the Harbour Master (Commander C.W. Beckwith R.N.) as chairman, was appointed to investigate the dispute and yesterday afternoon the terms of a settlement were signed by the parties concerned at the Harbour Office. The signatures affixed were those of Commander Beckwith, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr and Mr. G. M. Dodwell (representing the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Chau U. Tieg, (representing the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce) and four representatives of the men's guild.

The chief terms of the agreement, which dates from yesterday, are:— A day's hire shall be from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.; but should the work continue after 10 p.m. a quarter rate additional shall be paid up to 6 a.m. If any boat is engaged after 6 p.m. and works during the night, a day's hire shall be paid and no extra pay for night work shall be made in this case.

Half a day's pay shall be paid for a boat engaged but not used. A fraction of a day shall be paid for as a full day.

When the black typhoon signal is hoisted all boats under hire shall be towed to shelter at the expense of the hirer. Work resumed after the signal is lowered shall be at the rate agreed on when hired. The above agreements may be waived by mutual consent of parties concerned.

## OBITUARY.

## THE REV. WILLIAM GOUDIE.

The sudden death of the Rev. William Goudie, of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society, is announced in a cable received by the local representatives of the Society.

The deceased, who was 65 years of age, served as a missionary in South India from 1881 to 1906. In 1909 he was put in charge of the centenary celebrations of the Wesleyan Missionary Society and by his magnetic enthusiasm carried that movement to remarkable success. Subsequently he was appointed General Secretary of the Society and represented it at various inter-denominational and international missionary gatherings. He was one of the best-known preachers in his denomination and had been elected President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference for the present year. Passing away in the fullness of his activities, he will be much missed not only in his own church but by many missionary workers of other denominations.

## MASKED DANCE.

## TO-MORROW NIGHT'S FANCY DRESS REVEL.

Few amusements are capable of giving more enjoyment to pleasure than a fancy dress dance, especially a masked one. To-morrow night's revel in the Prince's Pavilion organized by the enterprising ex-Active Service Men's Association promises to prove a brilliant success.

The sale of tickets indicates a big attendance, while a wide variety of fancy costume is assured. Among those present will be H.E. General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., Sir William and Lady Brunyate, and the Hon. Mr. T. L. and Mrs. Perkins. His Excellency the Governor, is unable to be present through another engagement.

The Band of the King's Regiment will provide the music. The catering is in the able hands of the Hongkong Hotel Company.

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## SPORT.

## BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

## PALACE HOTEL TOURNEY.

At the Palace Hotel yesterday evening, two very close matches were played in the billiard handicap tournament. In the first match at 6 p.m., J. C. Achim (-150) and E. R. Hyndman (-100) played a very fine game. The players took the lead alternately, and it was anybody's game right to the last stroke. Achim won by the narrow margin of 1 point. Achim's breaks were 13, 15, 14, 14; and Hyndman's highest were two of 17. At 9 p.m., J. H. Tait (-125) met R. Earnshaw (-100) and defeated him after a very close game by 250-222. Tait put up breaks of 25, 24, 19, 18, 17, 16, 14; while Earnshaw who had very bad luck could not do better than 15.

## TO-NIGHT'S GAMES.

6 p.m.—M. McCarthy (scr.) v. F. T. James (-50).  
9 p.m.—J. Parkes (-200) v. W. S. Cuff (-25).

## LAWN TENNIS.

## H.K.C.C. TOURNEY.

The final in connection with the Club Championship competition of the above tournament was played off yesterday afternoon when F. A. Redmond defeated P. H. Davies by three straight sets, thus qualifying to meet J. B. Penman, the holder of the championship in the challenge round. Altogether 22 games were played. Redmond was in fine form, and allowing his opponent to take only 4 games, won the match comfortably by 18 games to 4.

The final results were: Redmond, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

## TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Championship Singles.—O. Ramjahn v. M. W. Lo.  
Handicap Singles "A"—J. B. Penman v. A. Brantley.  
Handicap Doubles.—F. A. Redmond and M. H. Roffey v. R. and H. Hancock.

## CRICKET.

## INTERPORT TRIAL.

## INTERESTING MATCH TO-MORROW.

Cricket enthusiasts are promised a fine treat on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow afternoon when the United Services XI which is going up to Shanghai to play an interport match there, will play a test match against a strong H.K.C.C. combination. The match is scheduled to start at 2.15 p.m., sharp. The Club team will be as follows:—T. E. Pearce (Capt.), G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. E. A. Webster, L. J. Davis, E. G. Lammert, B. D. Evans, H. Owen Hughes, Matthews and E. W. Hamilton.

## QUEEN'S COLLEGE MATCH.

On the College ground, Causeway Bay to-morrow afternoon, the second annual cricket match Staff and Pupils of Queen's College v. Queen's College Old Boys Association, will be played, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp. Both teams will turn out as strongly as possible, and a good game is assured. The following teams have been chosen:—

Queen's College.—J. S. Curreen (Capt.), F. M. Arcelli, A. O. Brown, E. J. Edwards, J. C. Fletcher, S. A. R. Ismail, W. Kay, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, D. Mohammed and J. F. de Rome.

Q.C.O.B.A.—A. el Arcelli (Capt.), C. G. Anderson, C. Choa, E. C. Hunt, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, E. A. Moosdeen, A. H. Roberts, A. H. Ramjahn and D. Ramjahn.

Umpires:—Hung Hing fat and M. Hassan.

## FOOTBALL.

## H.K. LEAGUE FINAL.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club in the final league match against "Curlew" to-morrow on the home ground, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.—G. Rodger, W. Gerrard and W. Lawrence; J. MacPhail (Capt.), J. Stewart, and J. Weyman; H. MacTavish, A. Forsyth, S. Begg, W. Kuhn and E. England.

## A MACAO MURDER.

News of a dastardly murder at Macao reached Hongkong yesterday. On Wednesday morning Mrs. Porfirio, wife of an assistant engineer in the Public Works Department, was in her bedroom at prayer when a robber entered and stabbed her in the back of the head. He stabbed her again and again until she collapsed and then rifled a safe containing money and jewellery worth some thousands of dollars. The robber got away before neighbours came on the scene and he was taken to hospital and died there during the day.

## UNSAFE BUILDING.

## BUILDING REGULATIONS IGNORED.

## "A FLAGRANT CASE."

A King, the well-known motor boat proprietor, was summoned before Magistrate Lindsell this morning by Mr. Grimes of the P.W.D., charged with having erected a building in Causeway Bay, near Whitfield, without the permission of the Building Authorities.

Mr. Grimes said that plans for the building were submitted in October last, but they were not approved. In spite of this, the defendant went on with the building and although he had been warned several times by letter as well as by the witness personally, the work was continued until April 4. The summons was taken out against him on the 13th. Mr. Grimes described this as a flagrant case of disregarding the orders of the Building Authorities and asked for the maximum penalty. The building, he understood, had cost \$10,000 to erect but he did not think it was safe. He had personally spoken to the defendant about the building, and had told him that he was not satisfied with the steel joints used. Mr. Grimes also asked the Magistrate to direct that proper plans be sent in within a stipulated period, or further action would be taken against him.

Defendant said that new plans were sent in yesterday by Mr. Hazeland, his architect.

Mr. Grimes said that he had not seen or heard of them.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$100, and gave the defendant one week in which to forward new plans.

## WEST RIVER NEWS.

## TROOPS COLLECTING AT SHU HING.

(From a Correspondent.)

## WUCHOW.

The news from the West River is very interesting at the moment. All steamers arriving at Wuchow, either from Canton or Hongkong, under the Chinese flag are immediately taken over by the military for conveying troops to Sam Shui. This leaves only three British boats—the "Kong Ning," "Tai Ming" and "Kochow" to carry on.

General Ngai Bong Ping, on board the steam-ship "Nan Ning" was at Shui Hing on Thursday morning. All craft conveying troops are stopping at that port until the whole force is collected there.

There is great excitement at Wuchow but at all other points along the river everything is quiet. The shopkeepers are shy of taking the Provincial Bank paper; the Hongkong dollar stood to-day (Wednesday) at 121.

H. M. S. "Moonbeam" is at present at Wuchow.

## ST. DUNSTAN'S HOME.

## HONGKONG FOOTBALL MEN'S HELP APPRECIATED.

Mr. N. L. Raitton, Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, has received the following letter signed Ian Fraser, Chairman of the St. Dunstan's Home Fund:—

"Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of the very welcome contribution of \$31.11.5, which has been sent for the benefit of St. Dunstan's blinded soldiers and sailors, and which is the result of charity football matches played under the auspices of the Hongkong Football Association."

"I enclose an official receipt for this amount, and with it I hope you will accept yourself and convey to the members of the Association and to all who participated in the efforts, an expression of very sincere and cordial thanks on behalf of the gallant men who will benefit by such practical interest in their welfare."

The sum, acknowledged, was the proceeds of charity matches held during Christmas and New Year holidays.

## ROAD ACCIDENT.

## MOTOR CAR KILLS CHINESE BOY.

A Chinese woman with her two sons, aged six and eight years respectively, was walking on the right side of the main road in Aberdeen village towards Hongkong yesterday afternoon, when the elder boy suddenly ran across the road. He was knocked down by motor car No. 538 which was travelling in the same direction and was killed instantaneously by the force of the impact.



LOCAL WEDDING.

ATTWELL-PARSONS.

The wedding took place at St John's Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon of Mr. Richard Erskine Attwell, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., (S. C.) Ltd., youngest son of the late Mr. Richard Attwell, of Blackrock, Dublin, and Mrs. Attwell, of No. 10 Braid Hills Road, Edinburgh, to Miss Mona Hetty Parsons, elder daughter of the late Mr. E.W. Parsons and Mrs. Parsons, of Perth, Western Australia. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Eng.-Commander G. W. Mathew R.N., gave the bride away. Mrs. Mathew acted as Matron of Honour and Miss Isabella Blair as bridesmaid. Mr. E. W. Hamilton was the groomsmen.

The bride was attired in a charming creation of white brocaded satin veiled with white silk tulle and old Brussels lace. Her veil was of tulle with a wreath of orange blossoms and white heather, and her bouquet of arm lilies and white heather.

Mrs. Mathew wore palest primrose chamois with an overdress of Limerick lace and amber ornaments, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of tea roses. The bridesmaid was attired in a charming frock of Malmesbury pink with panels of antique Italian fillet lace. Her bouquet was composed of Malmesbury.

A numerous company of friends was present afterwards at the reception at Lauriston, No. 1 Bowen Road, and gave the happy couple a hearty send-off when they left by motor car for the Repulse Bay Hotel, where the honeymoon is being spent.

YARN MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kptwall, Cotton and Yarn Brokers, reported as follows this morning:

Since our last report on the 16th ult, per S S "Namsang," our yarn market has remained very sensitive, with a rather heavy decline in price which is mainly due to the alarming reports of a "probable political conflict between the Southern and Northern Republic of China, which has created great uneasiness among all Chinese dealers and the absolute uncertainty of this embarrassing political situation has made business almost impossible.

During the interval the Chinese dealers were tempted to make purchases on a large scale of 10 and 12s yarn in few known shops, but latterly the discouraging news have abated them from doing further business, while the sudden rise in Rupee exchange has further lowered the rates and at the close the tendency is dull and drooping. Bargain stocks in Chinese hands are heavy and deliveries very poor.

Total sales, 6,000 Bales. Unsold stocks 11,000 Bales. Bargain in Chinese hands 17,000 Bales.

Shanghai:—Reports moderate business and prices easier with great uncertainty about the position of the near future of the market owing to unsettled political situation.

Japanese Yarn:—During the entire interval there had been large and continuous fluctuations in this yarn on account of varying reports of rise and decline in prices in Japan.

The present low prices have induced Chinese buyers, which has resulted in a good business in 3,500 bales as under, but at the close the tone is quiet.

2,000 Bales Nagasaki No. 20s at \$22.25; 50 Bales 3 Horses No. 16s at \$22.21; 50 Bales 3 Horses No. 20s at \$22.01; 1500 Bales Yellow Seton No. 20s at \$23.21; 1500 Bales Seton No. 10s at \$18.7; 1500 Bales Seton No. 20s at \$22.9; 1500 Bales Blue Fish No. 20s at \$22.8.

Raw cotton:—400 small loose bales in Chinese cotton have changed hands at \$37 to 40 per picul. There is no stock of Bengal cotton and prices have remained steady at \$29 to \$34 per picul.

Four Chinese were charged before Magistrate Lindell yesterday afternoon with having been concerned in an armed robbery at the Hon Kee Bank, at Swatow, on April 17, when about \$1,000 in silver dollars and \$3 0 in subsidiary coins were stolen. The defendants were arrested as the result of a cable from Swatow. The local police searched all vessels arriving from Swatow, and finally arrested the defendants on the "Amakura Maru" on Wednesday. All four men, who spoke in the Mandarin dialect, were remanded until Saturday on the application of Inspector Shannon who said he wanted to make enquiries about two of them who claimed to be military officers.

BREAKING UP AN ATOM.

SOME STARTLING EXPERIMENTS.

Sir Ernest Rutherford's lecture in London to the Chemical Society on "The artificial disintegration of the atom" drew a big audience. The scientific work upon which Sir Ernest is engaged, and in which he has already obtained such remarkable results, is of the greatest importance, as it is concerned with the two fundamental problems of the possibility or impossibility of the production of new sources of energy, and of transmutation of the elements.

In his lecture Sir Ernest described the objects in which he is particularly interested. These are the atoms of matter which are so small that it would take something of the order of 100,000,000 of them to bridge across a penny piece.

To Sir Ernest Rutherford, however, the atom is a universe. His researches give strong evidence that an atom of nitrogen, for instance, has a central nucleus composed of three helium nuclei, almost touching each other, and if the atom is magnified 1,000,000,000,000 times these would look about 1/16 in diameter. In an orbit the diameter of a penny encircling this inner nucleus two hydrogen nuclei revolve like satellites. At this scale of magnification, however, the strategic boundary of the atom lies some 500ft. away from the centre of the nucleus in all directions.

The only other occupants of this huge sphere are seven electrons in the case of nitrogen. These are thought to be minute satellites, each of about 1/1,850th the mass of a hydrogen atom, but it is not yet known exactly where their orbits lie. Thus the solid atoms conceived by Dalton are chiefly the spheres of influence of a tiny nucleus enthroned at the centre of a vast realm of empty space.

Sir Ernest Rutherford then described how he had managed to hit some of these tiny nuclei by firing at them with shot composed of alpha particles. Some of these alpha particles, which are in reality helium nuclei, travel at the speed of 10,000 miles per second. Occasionally in their flight through a tube containing nitrogen gas one of these alpha particles passes near the nucleus of a nitrogen atom, and hitting one of the hydrogen satellites, may knock it out of the nitrogen atom.

The lecturer believes that nitrogen has a nucleus of three helium nuclei and two hydrogen satellites, while carbon has a nucleus of three helium nuclei, but no hydrogen satellites. Thus if the two hydrogen satellites could be knocked out of the nitrogen atom it might turn into carbon, and thus a kind of transmutation of the elements might take place.

Sir Ernest described the way in which, if aluminium is bombarded by alpha particles, hydrogen satellites are occasionally knocked out of the atoms, and that some of these possess 40 per cent. more energy than the alpha particles which struck them, thus making available a new source of energy, though only on a minute scale. Sir Ernest concluded by stating that the collisions between alpha particles and nuclei are so few that he considers there is practically no hope of transmuting elements on any scale that would be in the least degree of practical use, and in the same way he holds no hope of obtaining useful energy in this way.

The yacht "Aloka" flying the American flag and skippered by Captain F. Beazant reached Madras on March 22 from Calcutta. Her capacity is 659 tons and she is 169 feet long and 36 feet beam. Mr. Arthur Curtis James, a wealthy New York merchant, is her owner and he with a party of six friends is now on a pleasure trip round the world. The party, after visiting Japan, China, Java, Singapore, Rangoon, etc., landed in Calcutta a fortnight ago and are now touring in India. They are expected to arrive in Madras shortly and will then sail for Europe via Colombo and Aden.

The district authorities of Ko yui, Shikang, recently decided to build a public garden on the Tait-shing-Ngan Hills. As the distance between the Hills and the Ko yui city is more than twenty li's, the scheme of building this public garden will include the construction of a road from Ko yui city to the hills. The cost of the road and the public garden is estimated at \$40,000, which can be met by selling a piece of government land near the hills. The Tait-shing hills are well-known as one of the famous resorts in the province. After the road has been built, the visits of tourists will be greatly facilitated. The above plans have been submitted by Mr. Liu Wen-chung, magistrate of Ko yui to the governor for approval.

SMUGGLED TOBACCO.

OFFENDER WHO NEARLY ESCAPED.

Before Magistrate Fraser this morning a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of four tins of dutiable cigarettes. Chief Preventive Officer Clark said that when defendant was brought to his office, he had two tins of cigarettes in his coat pockets. Had that been all, he would have "kicked him out" and taken no further action, added the Inspector, but the defendant held his arms in a suspicious manner, and when ordered to put up his hands, dropped two more tins from his armpits. "There was nothing left but to charge him," the Inspector concluded. The Magistrate passed sentence of seven days' hard labour.

Magistrate Fraser also had before him this morning a Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of 5,580 dutiable cigarettes. The defendant, who said he was a cobbler by trade, and asserted he had only just arrived from Kowloon yesterday afternoon, pleaded ignorance of local regulations. He said that he was offered 20 cents by another passenger to take the cigarette ashore. Advising the defendant not to do it again, the Magistrate let him off with a fine of \$25 or two months' hard labour. The cigarettes were confiscated.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Hydrangea, (Chin. Co.) from Swatow.—Company Wharf.  
Dumers. (P. & O.) from Bombay, Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.  
Ting Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from Glasgow, Taurane.—C21.  
Phranang, (Wang Lee) from Saigon.—C42.  
Kwangtung, (B. & S.) from Bangkok Swatow.—B38.  
Kailong, (B. & S.) from Haiphong, Hoibow.—C45.  
Shantung, (B. & S.) from Canton.—B9.  
Borelis, (A. P. C.) from Singapore.—North Point.  
Tijmatook, (J. C. J. L.) from Batavia, Padra.—A25.  
Sungshan Maru, (N.Y.K.) from Canton.—C37.  
Mitsuan Maru, (M.B.K.) from Mike.—B55.  
Kwong Maru, (Yan Fat) from Kowloon Chow Wan.—Co's Wharf.  
Kwanglee, (C.M.S.N. Co.) from Canton.—Co's Wharf.

DEPARTURES.

Chinbus, (B. & S.) for Hilo, Amoy.—April 21.  
Hanoi, (Lapicque) for Haiphong, Kwong Chow Wan.—April 21.  
Tung King, (Shun Cheong) for Kwong Chow Wan.—April 21.  
Yuen Heng, (Ching Kee) for Whampoa.—April 21.  
Kwai Wah, (Wai Hing) for Taurane.—April 21.  
Promethea, (K. Min Seng) for Bangkok, Hoibow.—April 21.  
Hathor, (Lee Beng Kee) for Bangkok.—April 21.  
Haibong, (Douglas) for Foochow, Swatow.—April 21.  
Yuen Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Manila.—April 21.  
Sungshan Maru, (N.Y.K.) for Shanghai, Swatow.—April 21.  
Soochow, (B. & S.) for Shanghai, Swatow.—April 21.  
H. H. Asquith, (Dodwell) for Newcastle, N.S.W.—April 21.  
Fooking, (J.M. & Co.) for Calcutta, Singapore.—April 21.  
Kwanglee, (C.M.S.N. Co.) for Shanghai.—April 21.  
Halvard, (Wo Fat Sing) for Saigon.—April 22.

MARINE MISDOINGS.

For carrying 30 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence the master of the steam launch "Wai Hung" was fined \$20 by the Marine Magistrate. (Commander Beckwith, R.N.) this morning. Eight defendants pleaded not guilty to charges of having gone aboard the s.s. "Tanda" while the police flag was flying. They said they did not see the flag. One who had been previously convicted had to pay \$25 or do a fortnight's jail and the other seven got off with a five dollar fine or ten days' imprisonment.

Farmers in East and West Sussex, Kent, and Surrey have decided to establish a bacon factory to counteract "buyers rings" which they say keep up prices at local markets.

If 3,000,000 adults in London gave the price of a packet of cigarettes weekly it would feed the hospitals from debt, said Dr. McAdam Eccles, surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

FRENCH LEAVE.

RICSHA COOLIE FINED FOR NOT GIVING NOTICE.

Mr. H. W. Ebstein, of Kowloon, charged his ricksha coolie before Magistrate Fraser this morning with having left his employ on April 17 without giving the usual month's notice. Defendant said that he had given notice. He had told the cook to tell Mr. Ebstein that he was going home because his father was very ill.

Mr. Ebstein said that when the cook brought him the coolie's uniform, he told the defendant through the cook that he would have to supply a good substitute or serve the month out. To make sure that the defendant understood him, said Mr. Ebstein, he took him to the Water Police Station and had the situation explained to him there. That night while the witness was having dinner, the defendant "took French leave."

Defendant now changed his story and said that Mr. Ebstein had deducted \$3 from his wages in March. He resented this because he had done nothing to merit it, and left because his master would not refund the money. Had the money not been deducted, he would not have left. Magistrate: You cannot take the law in your hands. Fined \$3.

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SWATOW AND SINGAPORE	LIAN	April 24th	Noon.
SWATOW AND SHANGHAI	SHANTUNG	April 25th	Noon.
SWATOW AND BANGKOK	KWANTUNG	April 25th	Noon.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI AND TUNGSHAI	KANTON	April 27th	Noon.
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AMOI, MANILA, CEBU AND ILOILO	TAMING	April 29th	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI AND TUNGSHAI	SUNING	April 29th	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SUNING	April 30th	Noon.
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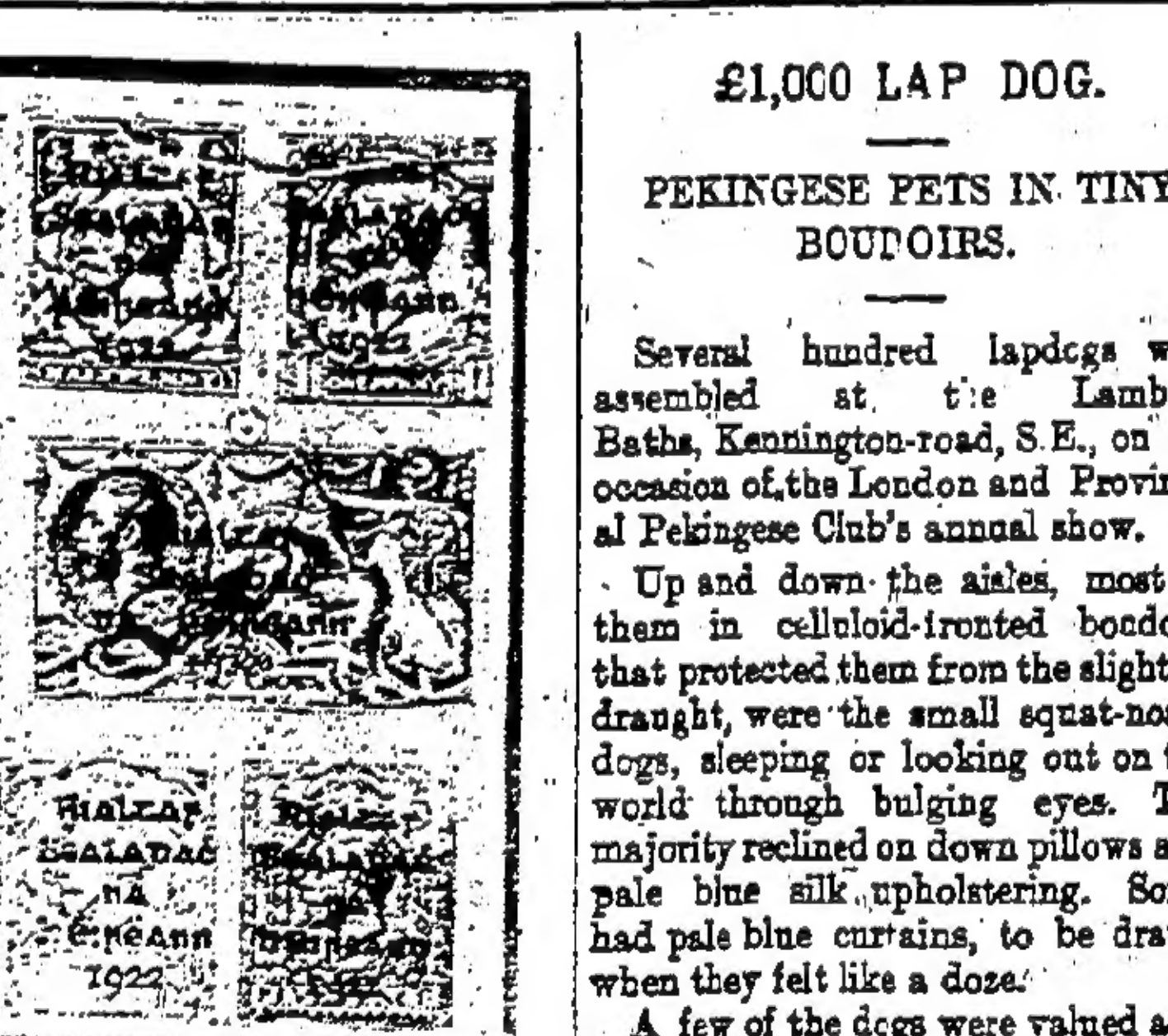


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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

KONINKRIJKE-PAKETWAERT MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From BELAWAN-DELE-PENANG & SINGAPORE.

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Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1922.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 5th prox., or they will not be recognized.

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TOTTORI MARU	
LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES.	
TOYOHASHI MARU	Sunday, 23rd April
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila &c.	
AKI MARU	Tuesday, 16th May at 11 a.m.
TAKEO MARU	Tuesday, 30th June at 11 a.m.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.	Friday, 5th May.
NEW YORK via Suez.	
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via O	Beginning of June.
KAWACHI MARU	
SOMBAWA via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	
YAMAGATA MARU	Monday, 9th April
CALCUTTA via Rangoon.	
AKITA MARU	Sunday, 23rd April.
NAGASAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.	
TANIGUCHI MARU	Friday, 19th May at 11 a.m.
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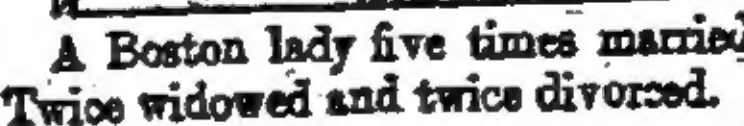
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We can hardly imagine a more brilliant life for a young boy than that which is led by the little Emperor. He is cloistered in a building, which, like the rest of the Forbidden City, is made of yellow brick. He spends his days in repair, goes through a dreary parade acting with his subsidized courtiers every hour of the day, strains his weak, nearsighted eyes on Romanised script and the intricate characters of China, Manchuria and Mongolia. The youthful son of the once royal house probably envies to the bottom of his heart the foreign schoolboy with a patch on his trousers, a fish hook in his pocket, and a bag of marbles in his hand. Only a few days ago, the Emperor won a long contested prize by issuing an Imperial edict ordering a doctor of the Peking University Medical College to fit him with glasses. Despite his painfully strained

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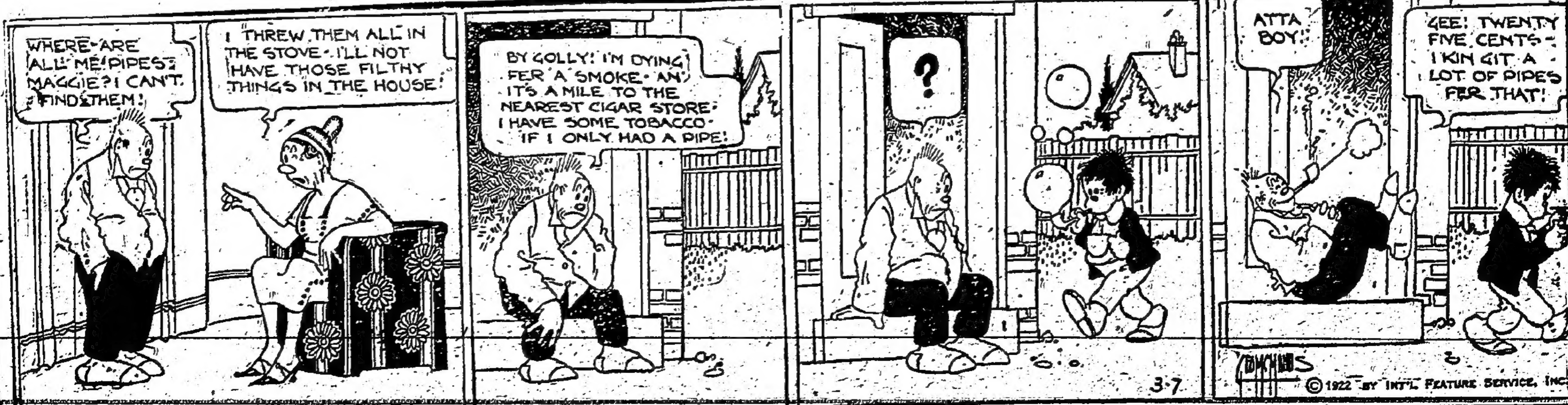
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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

## YEAR'S ACTIVITIES REVIEWED.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS.

## WHAT THE CHAMBER HAS DONE.

Yesterday afternoon the annual meeting of members of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce was held in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall. The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang presided, and was supported by the following members of the Committee:—Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephens, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr and the Secretary, Mr. D. K. Blair.

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I shall now, as briefly as possible, make reference to such subjects as would appear to me to call for special attention.

## TELEPHONE SERVICE.

At the last Annual General Meeting your Chairman, in reply to the observations of one of the members, stated that the long expected connection with the Telephone Service had just come to hand, and it may interest you to know that as the result thereof the Hong Kong Government lost no time in appointing a Committee of three members of which were nominated by this Chamber, to go into the position fully. Certain recommendations were made, and during the past few days a preliminary officer of the Telephone Company has arrived from London with a view to concluding some arrangement whereby an improved service will be made available to the general public.

## CABLE SERVICE.

I am glad to report that delays in transmission of telegrams between this port and Great Britain and Continental countries have been substantially reduced, owing to the completion of the new cable from London to Singapore. As a matter of fact ordinary telegrams are now getting through to London in about one hour while "Deferred" messages are received at destination in approximately two days after despatch from Hong Kong. Telegrams sent off on a Friday or Saturday appear to be subject to more delay than those despatched earlier in the week, but now that the Great Northern Company has re-established communication with Europe we can look for a still further improvement and perhaps a return to pre-war conditions. Those who have had an opportunity of perusing the report of the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies would gather from the speech of the Chairman, Sir John Dennison Pender that the laying of yet another cable between England and China is in contemplation, showing that these Companies are making every effort to recover the heavy losses occasioned by war conditions. Errors in transmission to and from Europe have been reduced considerably of late, and recent telegrams are particularly free from mutilations. Conditions in respect of cables to and from the United States, however, do not show a corresponding improvement, but the reputation of suspected errors to the station of origin, which was not before available, has somewhat eased the situation.

## THE RICE TRADE OF THE COLONY.

The year 1921 has been on the whole an unsatisfactory one for the Rice trade of this port. The Cuban market, which is one of our main outlets, was closed to us until the end of June, when the embargo on the importation of Rice into Cuba was raised. The removal of the embargo in question brought temporary relief, as owing to the demand from that Island, as well as from New York, for transshipment to other West Indian destinations, the market here strengthened considerably but the improvement was short-lived in consequence of competition from quite an unexpected quarter—namely Germany. Germany had imported considerable quantities of Rice, and on account of the great depreciation of the mark, holders of stocks in Hamburg were in a position to re-export their cargo, at prices much below those ruling in the Orient. Tempted by these low offers from Germany Cuban operators bought largely from Hamburg, with the result that their market was soon overstocked, and this fact coupled with the uncertainty of the financial position at present ruling in Cuba, will no doubt act as a deterrent to exporters at Hong Kong entering into further contracts with their Cuban friends for some time to come.

The outlook for the coming season in so far as supplies are concerned is very fair. Both Siam and Saigon have had good crops, while that of Burmah is reported to have been a bumper one, there being no less than two and three quarter million tons available for export this year which quantity represents almost as much as the estimated total of the combined exportable surplus from Siam and Saigon. With regard to the export of Rice to the Pacific Coast under the Rules of this Chamber governing the sale of Rice to members of the Rice Association of California, I may mention that on account of certain discrepancies and differences in the working of Surveys certificate, which have been brought to the notice of your Committee by the Exporters Association

of Hong Kong, it has been decided to adopt a standard form which will bear only the signature of the Secretary of this Chamber. This new form of certificate on which the Surveyors name does not appear, became effective on July last next.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SHIPPING CONTROL.

With regard to the moines held by the Hong Kong Government as the result of the Shipping Control scheme inaugurated in March 1918, and against the retention of which a petition was presented to His Excellency the Governor by certain Shipping Companies concerned, I understand that the proposed Ordinance dealing with this question is held in abeyance pending the result of certain local enquiries instituted by the Government. It is hoped that something definite will be decided in connection with this matter in the near future.

## FIRE BRIGADE SERVICE.

I understand that the Captain Superintendent of Police has made several recommendations to the Government in his recent report on the Fire Brigade, several of which have already been brought into effect, and which will no doubt result in greater efficiency in this Department. His densely populated place like Hong Kong it is absolutely essential that safety should be the first consideration, and no expense should therefore be spared in bringing all fire fighting appliances up to date, both ashore and afloat. With regard to the personnel of the Fire Brigade I am of opinion that the duties of the Captain Superintendent of Police apart from the Supervision of the Fire Brigade, are in themselves more than sufficient to occupy his full time and that under the circumstances a special executive officer with fire fighting and engineering experience should be obtained from Home without delay. There is no doubt the engagement of such an officer would meet with general approval, and would result in our Fire Brigade being brought to a higher state of efficiency than at present possible. In the meantime the proposed change in the staff of the Brigade in which the part-time European Firemen are to be replaced by whole-time Chinese, offered by three trained European Firemen, will be watched with interest.

## CROWN AGENTS.

Correspondence has been exchanged between this Chamber and the Government with regard to purchases made by the Public Works Department through the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Your Committee contends that the Government should, as far as possible, purchase locally all supplies of British manufactured goods, and in this we have the support of the Chambers of Commerce at Colombo, Penang and Singapore. The present policy of the Government, as you are aware, to purchase bulk supplies through the Crown Agents, and to buy locally only such casual requirements as may be urgently needed. It seems a reasonable suggestion that Firms which have spent time and capital in establishing branches out here should be given preference over competitors who are content to sit on the docket of the Crown Agents in London, and who in no way contribute to the Colony's welfare either by service or with money. The joint memorial to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in this connection from the "Chambers of Commerce at Colombo, Penang, Singapore and Hong Kong" has so far, I regret to say, had no effect, but there is no intention to let the matter drop, and perhaps in time by dint of perseverance it may be possible to induce the Powers that be in London to depart from the present unsatisfactory and antiquated Crown Agent System.

## PILFERAGE OF CARGO IN TRANSIT.

As you are all aware this matter has been engaging the earnest attention of the Chamber for over a year past. The serious and extensive nature of the pilferage epidemic was such as to cause the greatest concern to every class of the Commercial Community in all Ports of the world. It formed the subject matter of a resolution proposed by Hong Kong at the annual conference of Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai towards the end of 1920. In the summer of 1921, your Committee approached the Hong Kong Government with a view to obtaining their assistance to combat the evil as far as it existed in the Harbour of Hong Kong. This the Government were quite prepared to do if it could be shown what practical steps would be taken to put a check on the practice, and I would record here our indebtedness to the Captain Superintendent of Police and other Police officers for their readiness to do all in their power to provide increased patrol services wherever they were shown to be necessary. Investigation has shown that little, if any, pilferage takes place where cargo has once been removed from the wharf, the various Wharf Companies maintaining an efficient control over goods stored on their premises. It was found that it was during the process of loading and discharging

that further supervision was mainly called for. I am glad to be able to report a distinct diminution of the evil in recent months which I think testifies to the efficiency of the steps taken by the Police Authorities, by Steamship "Owners," by Wharf Companies and other interests involved.

## PASSPORTS.

The Chamber supported the leading Steamship "Companies" in their representations to the Government for a modification of the passport examination regulations, and it is satisfactory that the Government responded favourably with the result that the examination of passports on board steamers leaving the port is now dispensed with. This makes for much saving of time and for the general comfort of all concerned. The examination of passports of passengers entering the Colony continues but with the methods now in operation it is not nearly so onerous a business as was previously the case.

## THE OBSERVATORY.

Correspondence has also taken place with the Director of the Observatory and with the Government, which is still continuing, with the object of obtaining greater efficiency in respect of weather reports and typhoon warnings. It is hoped, in response to the representations of this Chamber, that the Government will increase its annual vote to the Observatory and thereby enable the Director to issue daily weather maps showing storm centres and barometrical records. There is a strong feeling amongst the shipping community that the Hong Kong Observatory needs expansion, and in view of the importance of Hong Kong as one of the leading ports of the world no expense should be spared in providing such equipment as is usually associated with modern observatories.

## MAILS.

During the year there was considerable improvement in the mail service between Great Britain and the Far East, and as far as Hong Kong is concerned there have been several occasions recently of mails from Home being delivered in 29 days from date of posting in London. I understand that the mail contract with the P. & O. Company, which had been suspended since the war, was renewed on 20th December last, and under the circumstances there is every reason to expect that the circulation of mails between Hong Kong and United Kingdom will be satisfactorily maintained.

## WIRELESS.

I hope that the Government will take in hand at once the construction of a commercial wireless station. It is understood that Hong Kong is to be one of the terminals of the 2,000 mile chain of stations which will link up British possessions with the home country and with each other. This station should be put in hand at once for even if other stations in the chain were completed after Hong Kong station, such a station would at night enable Hong Kong to be in wireless touch with all big stations and during the day communication could be kept up between Hong Kong and Shanghai, Japan and Ceylon and doubtless many other stations.

## NATIVE LABOUR.

During 1921 strikes occurred in Hong Kong affecting the wages of mechanics and skilled labour and resulting in advances of wages up to 30%. At the same time strikes were proceeding in the neighbouring province, leading up to the serious situation which we have recently experienced in Hong Kong.

There has indeed been a very remarkable movement in the labour market, both skilled and unskilled. These difficult labour conditions continue apparently without any regard to the inevitable increase in living costs which the enhancement of wages must bring about, to say nothing of its effect on the prosperity of South China generally, in which Chinese and Europeans are equally concerned.

## SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

Although it does not strictly come under the period now under review you will no doubt expect me to comment on the recent serious strike and resulting conditions.

So soon as the situation reached the critical stage your Committee appointed a general strike committee who kept themselves as closely as possible in touch with the whole situation, co-operating as far as they could with those directly concerned, with a view to assist amicable settlement, and making representations, and working with the Government where it seemed necessary, or advantage could be gained in the interests of this Chamber, and its members, as well as in the general interests of the community.

Like all concerned, your General Strike Committee were very anxious to handpinned in dealing with the situation owing to the fact that it

was not a strike, self-contained in Hong Kong. Strikers left in large bodies for Canton where I believe various influences exercised direct and indirect measures hampering a settlement, in the interests of both parties, and it was only by co-operation on the part of the Hong Kong Government with Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Luk King Foh, a deputy from the Canton Foreign Office, that a settlement was ultimately arrived at, and an agreement reached on the main question while a general strike was operating. The thanks of this Chamber are due to Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Luk King Foh for the very valuable assistance they rendered in this way.

The strike experiences have set many of us thinking, and all of us are concerned with what may best be done to minimise the effects should a similar experience arise, in the future. A good text for Chinese and ourselves alike is furnished by the remarks made by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Prince's Pavilion during his recent visit—viz:—

"The life of this Colony and its prosperity is inter-dependent on the British and Chinese dwellers on the island. Barring on ancient China, with its centuries of history and of experience, Hong Kong forms a meeting place that should be of mutual advantage to both civilisations." "Great Britain has always displayed a lively and undying interest in the development of China, and in all that appertains to its prosperity, and your zeal in the promotion of the Colony's welfare, combined with the cordial friendship that has always existed between the races in Hong Kong, augurs well for its future advancement."

## SECRETARY.

I would like to place on record my great appreciation of the services rendered by our Secretary—Mr. D. K. Blair—since his return from Home, and without his valuable assistance during the period of the Strike it would have been impossible for me to have attended to my own business and at the same time have carried out the duties attaching to the Chairmanship of this Chamber.

## ACCOUNTS.

The accounts as presented will no doubt be considered satisfactory, and I do not think there is anything in them requiring special comment. I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and after this has been recorded I shall be pleased to answer any questions which members may desire to put.

## MR. OWEN HUGHES.

## CRIME IN HONGKONG.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. Owen Hughes, who said:—

It gives me much pleasure to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented.

Our Chairman has referred in a clear and precise manner, to the principal matters dealt with by our Committee during the past year, and little more can profitably be said by me, save to say that I feel sure my fellow-members very fully appreciate the vast amount of work—and very hard, difficult, and laborious work, done by you, Sir, and our Committee during what has been probably the most momentous year in the history of the Chamber, if not of the Colony. I, for one, am pleased to think that we may hope in the near future to see a better Telephone Service; and I feel sure the Telephone Co. has done its utmost to keep up with the increased demands during trying and difficult times, and, as for the Cable Service, there has been such an improvement of late, that at present, we have not very much to complain about. It is interesting to learn that there is a possibility of another cable being laid between England and China, which shows what confidence such men as Sir J. Dennison Pender and his associates of the E. T. Company, have in the future of this great country at the back of us.

The Chairman's remarks on the Rice trade of the Colony are interesting, and the allusion to German competition in this important trade, is a further reminder of what we may expect not only in Rice, but in all commodities, both into, and out of, this Port.

Members will, I feel sure, fully support the Committee in every endeavour to see the Fire Brigade brought to the highest state of efficiency.

We are glad to have you report a reduction in cases of pilferage of cargo, and that this is due to the efficiency of the Police, the S.S. Companies and Wharf Companies. The continual reports of serious crime within the Colony (though perhaps not surprising in view of the unsettled state of the country behind us) is, to say the least, very disconcerting to the community, and it is to be hoped the hands of our capable C.R.P. will be strengthened, in order to cope more effectively with those gangsters who seem to make our Colony their happy

## WHY G.B.S. NOT SEEK ELECT. ON.

## "DROWNING PLEASANTER."

In a characteristic episode Mr. George Bernard Shaw has replied to the invitation of the West-Edinburgh Labour party to come forward as a candidate at the general election. He writes:—

Why should I plead with the citizens of West-Edinburgh to allow me to waste my time at Westminster on a salary on which I could not live when I can command a far more eligible position and much larger emoluments as a leading member of my profession? If the Labour party or any other party will guarantee me an unopposed election and a salary of £4,000 a year, with a handsome pension, I may at least consider the proposition that I should narrow my audience from civilised mankind to a handful of bewildered commercial gentlemen at Westminster who are now earnestly ruining Europe as the stupidest way of running their own country, but my answer would probably be the same. It would be easier and pleasanter to drown myself.

At the same time I am very sensible of and grateful for the esteem which has prompted your invitation. I am well aware that I have a few friends in Edinburgh—but may be even a few thousand—but not enough to win the seat, even if I wished to win it.

I shall not stand for Parliament but for telling Parliament what I think of it, and, incidentally, of the political intelligence of the people who elect it. That is a useful and necessary occupation, but not one that wins votes.

## H.M.S. "ALACRITY."

Discussing the departure of H.M.S. "Alacrity" from Hong Kong, *North China Daily News* says:—

She together with H.M.S. "Surprise," the yacht of the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean, go out under the Golden Economy Committee's report. They were the only two yachts left with the exception of the Admiralty yacht "Enchantress" and the Royal yacht. Presumably the "Alacrity" will be sold and one wonders what a new adventure may befall her. She was built for the American millionaire Mr. Anthony Drexel, passed from him to the Marquis of Anglesea and from him to one of the Russian Grand Dukes. She was lying in an English harbour when the Russian revolution broke out and her crew sailed back to Russia after which she was acquired by the Admiralty. Among the possessions on board which passed with the yacht is a remarkable dessert service of Napoleon I's time, with his monogram on each plate and a portrait of some Court beauty of the time.

hunting ground. Support will be given in every endeavour made by the Committee to continue in their protests against the Crown Agents system which you have rightly described as antiquated.

In conclusion, members are behind me, in supporting what you have stated regarding the valuable services rendered by Dr. Jamieson and Mr. Luk King Foh during the recent strike negotiations; as also to your reference to the splendid work of our energetic Secretary, Mr. Blair.

## ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

After the report and accounts had been unanimously adopted the election of a committee for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Mr. M.B.F. Airey proposed that the following, whose names appeared on the ballot form, should be elected:—Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephens, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. C. Montague Ede, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. A. S. D. Connelley.

Mr. John Robertson seconded and Mr. N. L. Watson then moved that the name of Mr. Perry Cox be included. Mr. Hockley seconded and Messrs. R. Sutherland and W. Adamson were appointed to act as scrutineers in connection with the ballot which this made necessary.

As a result of the ballot the members proposed by Mr. Airey were declared elected. Later, at a meeting of the newly elected committee the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang was elected Chairman and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Vice-Chairman.

## NEW MEMBERS.

On the Chairman's motion, seconded by the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr the election of the following new members was confirmed:—Messrs. Anderson Meyer & Co., T. E. Griffith, Ltd., Ip Tak & Co., the Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd., the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., Mr. G. W. C. Bennett and Mr. D. A. Purves.

## DOCK THIEVES.

## LONDON'S GANG OF INGENUOUS PILFERERS.

Some entertaining details of the manner in which thieves go to work in London Docks are given by Mr. E. O. Stuart Baker, head of the Port of London Police, in an interview published by the *Daily Telegraph*.

"The falling off in pilfering is mainly accounted for by two circumstances, the institution of special shipping police, and the absence of congestion at the docks," said Mr. Baker, who paid a high tribute to the assistance the police had received from the trade unions.

"The special shipping police is a body I have been advocating ever since I undertook the reorganisation of the P.L.A. police. Their function is to be actually on duty in the holds at the time of loading and unloading, in spite of this supervision in the holds of ships, however, bold thieves still manage to make considerable hauls. On one occasion, for example, the men were slinging goods from the quay to the ship. There were policemen in the hold in which work was going on. Presently, after a large packing case had been deposited in the hold, the winchman put his head over the side, and said the case was required on deck for purposes of examination. As the case came up again it was slung over the side to a waiting barge and spirited away, being found by accident the same evening. On a other occasions large bale of goods was brought up again on a similar pretence and deposited on the deck. Members of the crew, who were waiting around for the purpose, watched their opportunity and carried it away to their own quarters, where it was afterwards discovered.

"Once outside the dock, two barges will often work in collusion. The two barges leave the dock together, both intact. One will transfer a part of his cargo to the other barge, and hasten away straight to his destination. When the tally is found short he is able to produce evidence that he came straight away and arrived at this destination in the shortest time possible and had no opportunity or time to shed any of his cargo. The other barge will stop on the way and hand over his superfluous cases, or whatever they may be, to a confederate, but since, on his arrival at his destination, his own load is found correct, no questions are asked. The ingenuity of some of the pilferers is often worthy of a better cause. Quite recently we caught a man who had a number of specially constructed pockets inside his trousers, packed with tea.

"Liquor thieves largely make use of the ordinary rubber hot-water bottles, which they secrete around their bodies. The refineries of these containers is such that only experienced men can detect them in spite of strong suspicions. Not long ago a man was caught having the docks with no fewer than five of these, filled with rum, scientifically arranged about his person. Another was stopped, wearing six complete sets of ladies' underclothing, whilst a man whom the police thought had increased his bulk rather remarkably in the course of a few hours was found to be wearing twelve shirts."

## ASYLUM ALLEGATION.

## EX-POLICE INSPECTOR'S STORY OF ACTS OF CRUELTY.

Giving evidence before the Committee on the Administration of Public Mental Hospitals, a witness who said he had been a police inspector, and was sent as a private patient to the Long Grove Asylum at Epsom for five months, stated that in the receiving ward he observed many acts of cruelty on the part of some attendants to patients.

The attendants, he added, took care that everything was in order when the doctor arrived in the ward. He had seen patients knocked about and compelled to walk when quite unable to do so. During the time one patient was dying he was given the ordinary diet of other patients. The attendant concerned was treated as a defaulter and transferred to another hospital.

Another witness who in 1919 spent three weeks at Long Grove Asylum, said that both food and clothing were insufficient, but there was no fault to find with the attendants, who never used force with patients unless it was necessary.

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